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In re Patent Application of:  
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CULTURE AND GROWTH MEDIUM

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 29, 2008 (Paper No. 20080512), for which a response is due on August 29, 2008. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 29, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.